

SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD 2026

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, PUBLIC LAW AND ADMINISTRATION - Deadline:03/27/26

The Social Justice Award is intended to recognize and honor a member of the student body, staff or faculty at New Mexico State University who has volunteered to help create a more just society. Forms of social justice activism might include efforts to eliminate disparities in economic conditions, to facilitate political involvement, to work against inequality and prejudice, to promote peace and non-violence, or in some other fashion strive to make the community a better place for all. Previous recipients have engaged in such activities as community organizing, the advancement of tolerance, and the protection of free speech. Regardless of the contribution made, it must reflect a commitment of time, passion and energy beyond one's employment or general activities as a student, staff or faculty member of NMSU.

Applicants or nominators must describe in no more than one page how they or the person being nominated has impacted the local community through the promotion of social justice. The letter must describe, with concrete examples, the work done and how it has contributed to fostering a more just place to live. Letters of application and nomination are to be submitted by email to the Social Justice Award Committee, Department of Political Science, Public Law and Administration, by no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, March 27, 2026. Send applications to Anja Hansen, Administrative Assistant, at anjah@nmsu.edu. The person submitting the letter should provide appropriate contact information, including a current phone number and email address. In addition, a copy of a resume or CV should be submitted if the person applying or being nominated is a member of the faculty or staff.

The award will be presented to the recipient on the final day of the 21st Annual J. Paul Taylor Social Justice Symposium on Wednesday, April 8, 2026. The recipient will also help in the promotion of the Social Justice Award in the future.

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